

IN THE CLAIMS

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:

(i) storing a client profile, the client profile comprising a font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the respective individual device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;

(ii) receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font identifiers, the font identifiers identifying which fonts to use to render the text;

(iii) comparing the font identifiers in the text data with the fonts in the capabilities list of the designated device, to determine the font identifiers for which the designated device lacks font structure data;

(iv) transferring₂ to the designated device₂ the font structure data lacked by the designated device and the text data, wherein the font structure data and the text data are included in the same electronic data transfer₂ and wherein the designated device stores the received font structure data in the client device; and

(v) updating the ~~client profile with the stored font structure data~~ font capabilities list of the designated device by adding, to the font capabilities list, the font whose font structure data was transferred to the designated device.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein, in step ii, the server receives the text data along with attendant font structure data required to render the text data, and, in step iv, the server operatively refrains from transferring the attendant font structure data to the device in response to determining in the comparing step that the device already has the attendant font structure data.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising, between steps iii and iv:
requesting and receiving from another server the font structure data lacked by the designated device.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising between steps iii and iv:
determining whether another font identifier exists that is the same as the font identifier for which font structure data is lacking.
29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 further comprising a step, performed before step (i), of:
receiving a list of client font capabilities from each of the client devices.
30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the client devices are wireless mobile communication devices.
- 31-39. (Canceled)
40. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:
- (i) storing a client profile, the client profile comprising a font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the respective individual device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;
 - (ii) receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font identifiers, the font identifiers identifying which fonts to use to render the text;
 - (iii) determining which of the text data's font identifiers is not found in the designated device's font capabilities list;
 - (iv) requesting and receiving font structure data for said not found font identifier from another server; and
 - (v) transferring both the text data and the font structure data for said not found font identifier to the designated device, wherein the font structure data and the text data are included in the same electronic data transfer.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 further comprising a step, performed before step (i), of:

receiving a list of client font capabilities from each of the client devices.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein the client devices are wireless mobile communication devices.

43. (New) A method comprising the following steps performed by a server in the following order:

storing a client profile, the client profile comprising a font capabilities list for each of multiple client devices, each font capabilities list comprising a list of fonts for which the device has font structure data, the font structure data defining the structure in which text formatted with the respective font is to be rendered;

receiving text data addressed to a designated one of the devices, the text data comprising text and font identifiers, the font identifiers identifying which fonts to use to render the text;

comparing the font identifiers in the text data with the fonts in the capabilities list of the designated device, to determine the font identifiers for which the designated device lacks font structure data;

determining that another font identifier, that is not on the font capabilities list of the designated device and not one of the font identifiers in the text data, corresponds to a same type of font as one of the font identifiers in the text data;

transferring, to the designated device, font structure data of said another font identifier and the text data, wherein the font structure data and the text data are included in the same electronic data transfer; and

updating the font capabilities list of the designated device by adding, to the font capabilities list, the font whose font structure data was transferred to the designated device.

44. (New) The method of claim 43 wherein the designated device stores the received font structure data in the client device.